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AS AMERICAN DELEGATE TO
THE INTERNATIONAL FREE-
THOUGHT CONGRESS TO
BE HELD IN ROME.

ITALY, IN SEPTEMBER 30A, (1904).

The London Freeholder gives a graphic and inspiring report of the International Free-thought Congress held in Geneva, Switzerland, in September, E. M. 302. If this Congress had been held in the interest of orthodoxy, the press of Christendom would have rung with praises of its success, the ability of its delegates, and the gravity of the questions discussed. But ignored as it was, its influence is permeating every vein and artery in the civilized world. The Swiss Republics tendered the use of their famous hall of assembly for the sessions of the Congress. It is a fact that the orthodox world should consider that in the City of Calvin, the most eloquent and thrilling arraignment of superstition ever made in Christendom were made and applauded to the echo. Another significant fact that should arouse American Free-thinkers to action is that, though four hundred of the most learned men and women in Europe were delegates to this Congress yet there was not one who saw fit to claim the status of liberal thought, and the demand for "The Greatest Good to the Greatest Number."

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I believe from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous womb of the distillery until it empties into the hell of crime, death and dishonor, it demoralizes everybody that touches it.

I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against this liquid crime.

All you have to do is to think of the death—the suicides of the insane, of the poverty of the poor, of the disease of little children, the agonizing of the dead, the dresses of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; of the men of genius it has wrecked; of the women who have strangled with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing.

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years legislators have been petitioned to grant a legal status to the innocent under the "double code" system. Time out of mind the cause of personal, political, property and domestic rights has been in the platform of the press and before the bar—and nearly always lost. Why? Because we have not attempted to state the high principles of freedom and Christian Tyranny. No progress can be made—in fact, there is wasted, even though there is gained, time and energy therefor for reforms are constantly suspended who defend to the death the so-called sacred heresies.

For many centuries as one related by Mr. Hart, as perpetuated against women, have burned themselves into my heart. I have gently, and to my mind it is quite clear, that the Jehovah of the Bible whom manatists have been created by a foolish and villainous male hierarchy is responsible for every injustice suffered by the female sex, and through the ages the reaction against women flows naturally the existent evils of social, political, and religious life.

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have seen. Yet, while undeniably, Socialism is in a more in favor of the poor, and against the rich, I am not a Socialist. My enthusiastic regard—yes, admiration, love, for Dr. Wilson, would restrain me from making issue with him except from a sense of duty, while policy, if I would allow that to accuse me, would probably dictate that I should acquiesce in what he has said.

The last, and probably the only, case in what he has said that I may not immediately popular is in the following language:

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When the methods of this demon are adopted, then will the world know that the human race comes to a realization of truth and justice, then will men and women stand together in the ranks of the divine, and all falsehoods, denounce its inequalities, repudiate its decesses and scorn its promises for the future, we should not forget that the growth of the diseased breeding system—but the excesses forced to the railing of the deadly cancerous rotteness, which we should combat, men and man should direct their best energies toward eliminating the first cause of all the refined cruelties of man and physical torture—the Christian System.

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by working for 5 cents a day of 16 hours, under the rays of a tropical sun, and Dr. Wilson, or any other man with half the "bums sense" that a male has, knows this as well as I do. Well, when for a little stick under my "fife stick" is told by the story of Ethan and Endic in the Bible says, in talking about the spread of Islam in other places, that "Lexington is still in the woods." He is mighty right, "inter silvas academus verum."

The Doctor's theology is all right, but when he comes into Dog Fennel, with his new-fangled Cincinnati policies, there will be the devil to pay and outlines of pitch pot.

The slogan of the Socialists is that "the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer." It is not true in this neck of the woods as that "the rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer," and the rich ones have been getting richer.

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No it is not true nor 1000 miles of true that "all Socialists are freethinkers" and the Doctor can't find the whole world a single Socialist paper that will back him in any such statement as that. Franklin, III.—Please bring me a nice trip. Please bring me a sonorous from the cave that Lot and his wife took refuge in.—JAS. H. ROBERTS

Cincinnati, O.—I see by the date on my blade that my time is very near at hand, and as it is looked for with great delight by myself and others who eat, and I do not wish to miss it.

Also list my name for Dog Fennel. If my health does not give out, I shall be at the Lexington Congress of the N. L. P.

Send my very best wishes, and may you make your trip to the Biblical land and may you be as determined with that firm step, where angels fear to tread, and, if by accident, you should get into a debate with some of those Gods, give it to them as you do some of these pretenders here.

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Dear Brother Hinsdale—Will you send \$1.00 for which please send The Blade to me for one year, and especially for large amounts of news at our Congress in January, and I hope that I may not be disappointed; I want to shake hands with 1,000 Freeholders on that day.

Yours faithfully and always,

T. J. BOWLES.

BIBLE GEOGRAPHY.

Marshallville, Ills., Nov. 25, '02.

Mr. Moore—
Dear Sir:—Do you think the Bible teaches that the world is flat, and has four corners? If so, please put it in your paper, and tell where the passages of Scripture can be found, and much obliged.

A. O. SWALLOW.

Answer.—Yes, the Bible teaches that the world is flat, has four corners, and is set up on pillars. The first passage in Genesis 1, 7. Then there are other passages which speak of going "up" to heaven and "down" to earth.

The "pillars of the earth" are spoken of in Isaiah 11, 12, and Revelations 7, 1.

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Yours truly,

JOHN C. CASTORIA.

Carrollton, Ga., Nov. 25, '02.

Dear Friend:—Enclosed 20 cents for two of Kidder's "Sacrament."

I have had trouble with my wife, I have been up to date, like me, I have a baby boy, about the floor at night, and he makes me walk the floor at night, if I don't give him Gripe water, he will cry all night, and make that water into Castoria that he made in wine. It would have been some help to me and my wife, if we could have gotten a patent on it, and people would have loved him more.

Yours ever,

F. C. CARR.

Answer.—You have a F. C. C. in your name. Name that boy for me.

If Jesus Christ had invented something, he would have been having the sole. It would have been worth more than the religion he invented.

Read Mrs. Stanton's "Eighty Years and More," and learn how to write bibles.

MAN-NOT-AFRAID-OF-HIS-WIFE.

Garrison, Kan., Nov. 28, 1902.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have taken your paper, and I am not married, and I have more of it every time I read it. I have raised a Congregationalist, or Swedish missionary, and the biggest rascal I ever saw was a Methodist preacher who sold me a horse blind as a bat for a sound horse.

Just had a Methodist revival here and they didn't say anything but some.

One Methodist brother told me that Robert G. Ingersoll had said on his deathbed that he wanted his wife to burn all his writings. I told him: "I suppose your orthodox deities will claim Mrs. Stanton too, and Mrs. Henry, of Versailles, Ky., when she died."

I am not afraid of my wife a bit—am a bachelor.

Put me down for Dog Fennel, I will whack up old K. O. K. when you call on me.

I will soon job you, C. A. P. and get you some subscription for the B. G. B.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM WALSTROM.

Answer.—Yes, and you are the only kind of a man that ain't got a wife, and he has her.

Ingeroll didn't have any death-bed—died sitting in a chair, another Christian lie naked.

AFRAID OF THE CHRISTIANS.

Tyrone, Ia., Nov. 27, '02.

Mr. C. C. Moore:—
Dear Sir:—Enclosed \$1.00 for another year. I am an old subscriber. Put me down for one Dog Fennel.

Although I live in Iowa and take two country papers, I have nothing about Dr. Hammer until I saw his case in the Blade.

Being conservative I came to no conclusion until six weeks ago, when a lady from Colfax, 15 miles from Newton, came here on a visit. She saw the petition in the Blade, and said "He is a gentleman."

She was 4 years old when her parents moved to a farm 3 miles from Newton, where she was born. She begged me to get signs for the petition.

I could get quite a number if I were able to get around, but I am old and often sick.

I asked her about the church people at Newton. She said: "Oh yes, the Methodists, the S. W. S. I don't remember which) are very strong and selfish. My Sister, Mrs. [unclear] is one of the best of them, and another who differs from them, is ostracized."

I will give you that lady's address, and my own, but you must not put either in your paper. Yours truly,

RECKON I HAVE SAID SOMETHING WRONG

Victoria, Texas, Nov. 23, 1902.
Brothers Moore and Hughes:
I notice that you take the liberty

to put my note to you of Nov. 16, '02 out cold type, and I am not a writer for such, and under the heading, "Hard Questions—big scheme," two things I am entirely innocent of, and in another column, your clear statement like me would bankrupt the paper, and very soon, at that, when my intention was to do you a favor, but now I see it did not much affect you, but supposed you did and was looking out for the financial part of it.

I confess my error and prosecute not to do so any more.

A friend of mine handed me a copy of the Blade and I noticed your offer for a club of 100, and I gave it to you at 50 cents each and took my own dollar and sent five names, paying for my own and one for a friend and sent one dollar for the Magazine.

Some others had spoken to me to get up another club, but I did not do it, and the last one I made, I will send that and pay for the send, but you need not send me any more and they may send you the more.

The hook "Behind the Bars" has miscarried as I can't hear from it, but you need not send me any other, as you can send it to me, but I will not do it, and I will not get "Dog Fennel" now, but I am alive, I will dig up another.

You may publish this if you like. I wish well to all Liberal papers, but yours is the only one that I take, and but will not do it, and I will not get "Dog Fennel" now, but I am alive, I will dig up another.

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